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A Note From the Director

It is with great pleasure that we welcomed Lichen Rancourt to the library staff as our new Head of Technology this past October. Lichen will be assisting us with meeting your technology needs both in the library and via our website. Feel free to stop in and meet her. And yes, our popular computer classes will begin again shortly—watch the website and library bulletin boards for more information!

The west branch was the focus of our most recent round of renovations this past fall. The branch had its slate roof repaired and new copper flashing was installed. The old clock tower was repainted and the chimneys and firehouse tower were also re-pointed. Now that the leaking from above has been addressed I am looking forward to working with Sarah Basbas, our new branch manager, to update and repair our second floor meeting rooms which have suffered water damage over the years. Make sure to stop in at the branch to see these renovations and let us know what you think.

The past year was an eventful one for the library as we attended many events outside the library to promote library services. Staff attended school open houses and the Day of Kids. We also enjoyed working with local businesses to promote library usage in the month of September. Our library card sign up program was a huge success!

The Manchester City Library department looks forward to the opportunities 2008 will hold for promoting and improving library services. From our "family" to yours have a safe and happy holiday season.

Denise van Zanten
Director

Celebrate Winter Break @ Your Library!

To help celebrate winter break, Magician Peter Boie is returning to Manchester City Library on Tuesday, February 26th, beginning at 2:00 PM. Peter's performance is a mix of magic choreographed to music, audience participation, and comedy. When Peter was 11 years old he found his first magic book at his local library, and it forever changed his life. Now he travels the country performing his art. He tells this story in every library performance to inspire passion in whatever your interest is, and the library is the best place to learn about what you love. In the performance Peter talks about the places he's visited around the country and magic he's learned from different parts of the country and magicians from those parts as well. All ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

One Card...

It's a Wrap!



Our One Card...
Endless Possibilities fall
library card campaign
was a rousing success!

Endless Possibilities!

During the month of September, Manchester City libraries issued 623 new library cards and attended 20 Open Houses at various Manchester elementary and middle schools. Our partnership with Manchester Businesses was advertised throughout the month at the library as well as all of the Open Houses that were attended. We thank all the businesses who participated in our campaign and look forward to expanding our collaborative relationship with businesses next year.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 21st 2008

The Manchester City Library Foundation will be hosting their 6th annual spring author fundraiser on Wednesday, May 21st at the main library. Watch for further details on the library website.



Shop at the Library!

Don't forget to get that library-lover a 2008 calendar, or maybe a book bag, for the holidays! The calendars are \$3 each and book bags are \$8.

Special Family Movie Presentation *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

Saturday, December 29th at 1:00 PM
Auditorium

While school vacation may be in full tilt, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry will be in session on December 29th for a special showing of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

Join us in the auditorium for an afternoon of family entertainment. We'll even serve popcorn!



Blasts From the Stacks

Libraries like to share stuff, not hide it. While we're happy to help you find what you need, we also want you to have the freedom to wander and browse the shelves. We call this open stacks, and the more open stacks you have, the better. Who knows what you might discover?

That said, we also have closed stacks, and because shelf space is limited, we have to use them. Next time you're in, look above the circulation desk, or in the periodicals room above the reference section, and you'll see them behind the READ posters. We also have two levels hidden between the main floor and the ground floor. They're dark, the shelves are close together, they're not much fun to hang around in, and they're the perfect place



to store rare or delicate items, government documents, and back issues of magazines. We also have lots of old novels we had to clear out of the open stacks to make room for new ones.

The stories in them are still perfectly good, though, and you can still check them out.

Though these books are hidden away, you can still find them, and many others like it, in our catalog. If, while searching, you find something under the collection "Fiction Stack, Ask at Info Desk," come talk to us. We'll be happy to retrieve it from the stacks so you can borrow it.

What is Graphics?

"Graphics" is what Mary Orzechowski and I (Debra Young) refer to as anything that requires artistic flare on paper. We both work on flyers, signs, brochures, bookmarks, newsletters, etc., in addition to our regular duties in the reference and circulation departments.

Perhaps I should backtrack and tell you how it all began...

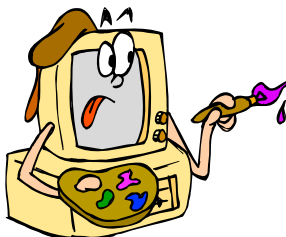


Mary and I both began working here over 25 years ago. Back in the "old" days we would work with poster paper, drawing out designs on them for whatever the topic happened to be. Of course they

needed color, so out came the paints or markers or whatever worked the best for what we were trying to accomplish.

Ah...those were the days!

In the graphics design world today things are very different. Emails pop up with requests like "Need a



bookmark with something flashy for the month of September!" or "Can you whip out a quick sign saying the program is in the auditorium?" Mary and I pull endless designs and ideas from our

brains every day (and so far, we are pleased to announce, no complaints). In fact, we have been given a new space to create in! We are now moving from our tiny office to a larger more comfortable space right across the hall.

I wonder if they'll let us paint the walls?

Hmmm....maybe a mural?

How Your Library Works: The Director

OK, readers: Since I know you wonder what being a Library Director is all about, I (Ruth) recently sat down with our director, Denise van Zanten, to get you some answers. The very formal interview took place

in her office on a Tuesday afternoon in October.



Ruth: *(seated comfortably on a leather love seat with one leg propped up, foot dangling)* Nice couch.

Denise: Thanks, I bought it myself.

RW: Sooo...you're the director?

DV: *(laughing)* Yes. How did that happen?

RW: *(laughs)* Well, how did that happen?

DV: Well, when our deputy director retired I was promoted to that position, as well as interim director as the former director had left. I applied for and got the job when the trustees formally posted it.

RW: Nice! You must have an extensive background in libraries.

DV: I started working in a library as a page in New York when I was sixteen. I went to college and eventually became a librarian. I started here as head of technical services, and held that position for several years.

RW: What exactly does a director do?

DV: I could give you the formal job description, but basically I'm in charge of the library. I work closely with the trustees, library foundation, board of mayor and aldermen, and other libraries.

I advocate for the library and work on funding. I am responsible for community outreach and marketing the library. I work with the staff as team leader and try to ensure good service to our patrons. I also attend workshops and conferences to stay current on new developments.

I'm also the "first responder" in a disaster or if there are problems such as the flooding we had in the children's entranceway or the leaky pipe in the ceiling of the children's room that rained water down on the books. *(In the past I have suggested Denise needs a pair of wading boots.)*

RW: Sounds like a lot of work. You are just past your first year...what was it like?

DV: Since this is my first time being a director, a lot of it was finding my way and learning the ropes. We have a great staff. There is a lot of strength and talent here. I have tried to put that to good use.

RW: In what ways?

DV: Oh, the newsletter—we are quite proud of that—and the programming committee has worked hard to offer fun and interesting programs to our patrons at little cost.

RW: Where would you like to take the library?

DV: The library is an important resource for the taxpayers. It's not just books anymore. I'm looking to improve the collection of all types of items. We need to continue to improve our technology. We offer WiFi now. I'd like to see our web site become another "branch."



The staff is working on expanding our programming. I will continue to work with staff, the trustees, and patrons to increase services. The library is a community center, which everyone can enjoy. The needs of the community are changing. We need to keep up with that.

RW: Can you give an example of that?

DV: In the past several years we have had to increase our ESL (English as a second language) section. Many of Manchester's recent immigrants come in looking for help.

As family budgets tighten, people look for entertainment. We offer free DVDs which fly off the shelves; books on CD and cassette; and downloadable audiobooks. There's also a chance to watch movies for free in-house.

RW: *(At this point I am eyeing the jar of M&M's on the desk. It's now 4:30 and they are looking good, but remembering the trick-or-treat candy frenzy of the past weekend, I decide to behave.)* Well, it sounds like you have been busy!



DV: Yes. There is still a lot to work on in the way of services, but I and the staff are looking forward to doing more.

RW: Oh, hey, did I hear a dog barking in here the other day?

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DV: (*chuckling*) Yes, we had Manchester PD Officer Thomas Dubois and his canine partner Reilly here for storytime. The kids loved it!

RW: Sounds like fun. Well, Denise, thank you for your time.

DV: You're welcome.

RW: Umm, one last question...can I have this couch for my desk?

DV: Yeah, sure—if it will fit.

Sigh. She knows it won't.

Let's Make a Scene!

In The Kids Room

...a snow scene, that is. On Saturday, December 15th at 3:30 PM in the Winchell Room, we will keep winter alive in your hearts and on your coffee tables. Bring in a small jar to create this hand-held wonderland. All ages are welcome. Registration is required.



You're Invited to a New Year's Party!

Let's celebrate the arrival of 2008 with a New Year's party on Wednesday, January 2nd beginning at 11:30 AM in the Winchell Room. We will ring in the

New Year at the stroke of noon with noisemakers, balloons, and confetti. Children from 1 to 5 years old are invited to this celebration.

Registration is required.

Kids Club Coming to the Library!

Beginning in the week of January 7th, Kids Club will be meeting after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year. Come celebrate new books or learn new crafts while hanging out with friends.



Children in grades 3 to 5 will meet on Tuesday afternoons beginning at 4:00 PM, and children in grades K to 2 will meet on Thursday afternoons, also at 4:00 PM. Registration is required.

Storytimes Will Return!



Beginning the week of January 27th, our storytimes will return. Preschool storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds will be held Tuesday mornings. Toddler storytimes for 2- and 3-year-olds will meet Wednesday mornings.

And for our youngest patrons, 0 to 23 months, lap-sit storytime will be on Friday mornings. Family storytime for all ages will meet Saturday mornings. All sessions begin at 9:30 AM and will be held in the Winchell room. Registration will begin on Tuesday, January 8th, in person or by telephone, for the lap-sit and toddler storytimes. Registration is not required for preschool or Saturday storytimes.

Let's Walk Like the Animals!



Can you walk like an elephant? Can you swing like a monkey? How about flying like a butterfly? Come, let's have some fun while we walk like the animals on Monday, February 11th, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Winchell Room.

Children ages 1 to 5 years old are invited. Registration is required.

Celebrating a Milestone

For the past 22 years, Bernice Buckley has been working at the Manchester City Library. For the first



10 years, she worked upstairs as a page. The last 12 years, Bunny has been a fixture in the children's room. In December she will be celebrating a milestone: her 90th birthday. In

1917, the United States declared war on Germany, Tsar Nicolas abdicated his throne in Russia, and on December 5th Bernice Buckley was born in Boston, Massachusetts.

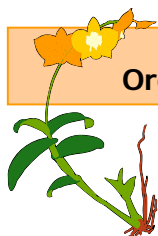
Her dad, Walter, worked in the Navy yards as a crane operator and her mother, Annabelle, was a

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homemaker. She was the only girl with four brothers. When she was very young, Bunny's family moved to Badgess Island near Portsmouth and Kittery. Bunny remembers going off on an adventure, crossing the bridge into Portsmouth and walking around. She remembers the horses and buggies moving along the street and the ice cream she got when the police found her. As she grew up, her adventurous spirit continued to grow. If anyone needed to find her, Bunny could be found in a field reading a book.

Known as "the researcher," she loves reading nonfiction to keep up on current events. When she is not reading, Bunny likes to go to bingo or knit. To celebrate her upcoming milestone, Bunny will spend her birthday with her family which includes 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Orchids All Around Us!



Monday, January 7th at 6:30PM
Winchell Room

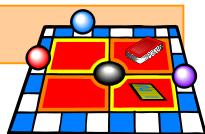
The New Hampshire Orchid Society's Jean Stefanik will present a talk and slide show on a variety of native orchids and orchids as houseplants. Those attending are invited to bring one of their own orchid plants about which they may have questions or concerns. Following the slide show and discussion there will be a re-potting demonstration. Seating is limited, and registration is required. For more information contact Yvonne at 624-6550 ext. 320.

Taking Control of Arthritis: Beyond Medication

Thursday, January 17th at 6:00 PM
Auditorium

While medication plays an important role in managing arthritis, there are many other strategies to manage pain and improve quality of life. Margaret Duffy, regional program director for the northern New England office of the Arthritis Foundation, will discuss how to look beyond the medicine cabinet, and how diet, activity, and complimentary therapies can help arthritis. For more information contact Ruth at 624-6550 ext. 307.

Family Board Game Events



Do you like to play board games?
What is your favorite game?

Bring it to the library for one of our board game events! The first will be held **Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 PM** in the Winchell Room, and we'll

hold another on **Saturday, February 23rd at 2:00 PM** to kick off winter break. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. Registration is not required. For more information please call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

Introduction to Geocaching

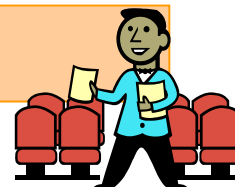
Saturday, February 2nd at 2:00 PM
Winchell Room



Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt in which players use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to locate hidden objects or containers, called geocaches, anywhere in the world. Local author Jeannette Cézanne will discuss the history of this relatively new sport, as well as the GPS

equipment you'll need, types of geocaches you may find, and how to prepare for a hunt. She'll also show you how you connect with other enthusiasts, and pursue local caches here in Manchester. Copies of Cézanne's book, *Open Your Heart With Geocaching*, will be available for sale following the program. For more information, contact Steve at 624-6550 ext. 323 or sviggiano@manchesternh.gov.

Movie Nights Tuesday Night Movies



Second Tuesday of the month at
6:00 PM

December 11th –

The Namesake (rescheduled from October)

January 8th –

The Simpsons Movie

February 12th – TBA

Wednesday Afternoon Movies

Weekly at 1:00 PM



December 5th - ***Preacher's Wife***

December 12th - ***Grumpy Old Men***

December 19th - ***The Sound of Music***

December 26th - ***High Noon***

January 2nd - ***Pursuit of Happyness***
(rescheduled from October)

January 9th - ***Don Juan DeMarco***

January 16th - ***South Pacific***

January 23rd - ***Raiders of the Lost Ark***

January 30th - ***Harold and Maude***

February 6th - ***The Man Who Would Be King***

February 13th - ***Roxanne***

February 20th - ***Ray***

February 27th - ***Shall we Dance?***

Thursday Night Foreign Films

Fourth Thursday of the month
at 6:00 PM

December 27th –
***The Way I Spent the End
of the World***

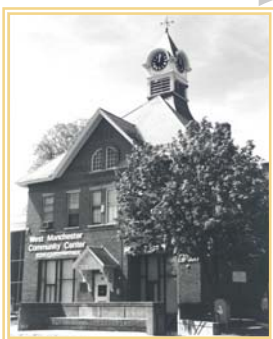
January 24th - TBA

February 28th – TBA



On the Side -

the West Side



-Polar Express Party-

This magical ride to the North Pole recreating Chris Van Allsburg's best-selling children's Christmas book will be held Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM at the West Manchester Community Library.

This special storytime will feature a book reading, ceiling show, crafts and coloring activities. Pajamas are optional. Registration is limited to 30. Register online on the library website by clicking on "Calendar" and going to the December 5 date. You may also register or obtain further information by calling Mary Bognaski at 624-6560.

-Make and Take Crafts for December-

Each week in December we will be doing a "make and take" craft. Come into the Library any time and make the scheduled craft item.

December 6th -
Ceramic Ornament
Painting

December 13th -
Jingle Bell Ornament

December 20th -
Snowflake Bookmark

December 27th -
Snowman Door Hanger



-Movies on Fridays at 3:00 PM-

December 7th - ***Polar Express*** (G)

December 14th – ***High School Musical 2*** (G)

December 21st - ***Santa Clause 3*** (G)

December 28th- ***Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*** (PG13)

January 4th - ***Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer*** (PG)

January 11th - ***The Simpsons Movie*** (PG13)

January 18th - ***Underdog*** (PG)

January 25th - ***Eragon*** (PG)

-Souper Bowl Saturday-

February 3rd from 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Come in for homemade soup in preparation for the Super Bowl. We'll have a great time getting ready for the big game.

-New Museum Pass at West-

For January-June 2008, the Boston Aquarium pass will be available at the west library. Thanks to the Friends of the West Manchester Community Library for funding this pass as well as the Boston Museum of Science and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts passes.

-Panera Gift Certificates-

Looking for the perfect gift? The Friends of the West Manchester Community Library have Panera gift certificates available. For each \$5 coupon sold the Friends raise \$2.50. These funds are used for museum passes and materials for the library.

Come into the west library for these gift certificates.



-New Book Discussion Group-

We want to start a new book discussion group, spearheaded by the Friends of the West Manchester Community Library. We would meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Start date and scheduled book to be decided. If you're interested, contact Sarah Basbas at 624-6560.